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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, ESCAP, MY
SUBJECT: PLANS FOR ANDREW YOUNG ATTENDANCE AT ESCAP MEETING
IN BANGKOK IN MARCH

REF: STATE 17602

1. ACCORDING TO MFA, GOM DELEGATION TO THIS YEAR'S
ESCAP MEETING IN MARCH NOT RPT NOT FINALIZED BUT

ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTER WITHOUT
PORTFOLIO IN PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT RICHARD
HO. ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOM PARTICIPATION ARE BEING
COORDINATED BY THE ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT (EPU)
IN THE PM'S DEPARTMENT, AS HAS BEEN STANDARD
PRACTICE IN RECENT YEARS. DELEGATION WILL ALSO
COMPRISE, IN ADDITION TO SENIOR EPU OFFICIALS,
REPRESENTATIVES FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE (TREASURY),
MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AND PUBLIC
SERVICES DEPARTMENT. MALAYSIA'S PERMREP TO ESCAP,
THEIR BANGKOK EMBASSY DCM KARIM MARZUKI, PLUS
OTHER MALAYSIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL, WILL ALSO
ATTEND THE SESSIONS.

2. MFA CONTACT INDICATED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
ATTENDANCE AT ESCAP MEETING WOULD BE WELCOMED
BUT DID NOT COMMENT FURTHER OR VOLUNTEER WHETHER
THIS WOULD AFFECT LEVEL OF GOM REPRESENTATION.

3. COMMENT: RICHARD HO, WHO UNTIL NAMED TO HIS
CURRENT POSITION JANUARY 1 HAD SERVED AS DEPUTY
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MINISTER OF FINANCE, IS HIGHLY REGARDED. EMBASSY'S
MOST RECENT CONTACT WITH HIM TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK
WHEN HE CHAIRED EPU BRIEFING ON MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS OF CODEL WOLFF
LAST WEEK (JAN 16). WE SUSPECT LEVEL OF US
REPRESENTATION WILL NOT RPT NOT AFFECT NATURE OF
MALAYSIAN DELEGATION TO ESCAP MEETING.
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